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# Pain of Blue Jays' loss to L.A. felt at RHWS

### BY GLENN MILLER Roy Hobbs Baseball

The scars were too fresh on Sunday. The heartache reverberated all the way from the Rogers Centre in Toronto to the Hammond Stadium parking lot in Fort Myers.

It had been only about 12 hours since the Toronto Blue Jays lost Game 7 of the World Series, 6-5, in 11 innings to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Nova Scotia Monarchs co-manager Gerald MacNeill was tentatively approached in the parking lot about a topic that is sensitive across Canada, from The Maritimes to British Columbia.

"Too soon," MacNeill said.

The Blue Jays were in their first World Series since 1993. They lost an epic World Series.

This week two Canadian teams are playing in the Roy Hobbs World Series. The Monarchs and the Oakville Golden A's were still reeling on Sunday.

"I was just devastated," said Oakville's Richie Thompson, a Toronto resident who lives so close to the Rogers Centre that he walks to games. "I couldn't believe it. So close. ... We were two outs away."

It also hurt for Aaron Kashin of Oakville, who was in attendance in 1993 when Joe Carter blasted a Game 6 walkoff homer against the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Blue Jays are special for an obvious reason.

"It's Canada's team," Kashin said.

It's the country's only MLB franchise.

Oakville's Glenn LaCoste knows that although the season ended on a down note fans should remember something else.

"It was not a disappointing year," La-Coste said.

The Blue Jays were coming off a lastplace finish in the American League

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photos by Greg Wagne

Gerald MacNeill and Scott Carson of the Nova Scotia Monarchs (top L to R) as well as Aaron Kashin, Glenn LaCoste and Richie Thompson of the Oakville Golden A's (bottom L to R) reflect on the Blue Jays' close loss in an exciting 2025 MLB World Series



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East. Since 1993 they had won the division only once before 2025. That was in 2015.

Many of the Oakville players gathered in the lobby of their hotel to watch Game 7.

"I was pacing around," LaCoste said.

Meanwhile, not far away, MacNeill and the Monarchs were paying close attention.

"We hung on every pitch," MacNeill said.

It will likely go down as one of the greatest World Series ever. The Blue Jays lost a game in 18 innings and Saturday's game went 11 innings.

A summary of all the great plays and close plays would fill an entire Inside Pitch issue.

"I was just losing my mind," Oakville's Richie Thompson, 57, said.

Peter Lovis of the Monarchs wore a Bo Bichette jersey to Sunday's game.

"It was gut-wrenching," Lovis said of Game 7.

The Blue Jays were oh-so-close to their first World Series title in 32 years. Instead, the Dodgers won their second successive and third since 2020.

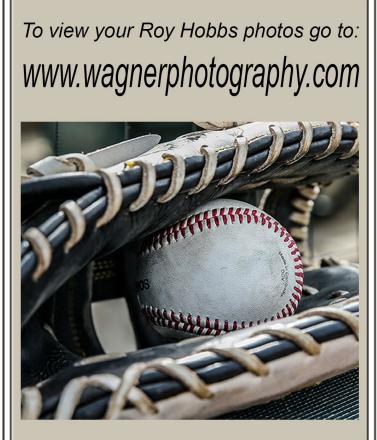
"The wrong team won," Monarchs co-manager Scott Car-

That's certainly a sentiment reverberating throughout Canada this fall.



photo by Greg Wagner Peter Lovis of the Nova Scotia Monarchs in his Bo Bichette jersey











### LEGENDS SUNDAY RESULTS

Americans Baseball 12, Bellacino's Red Sox 2 Americans Baseball 12, RIMA Foxes 4 Baltimore Krushers 15, Jersey Bananas 0 Banana Sharks 13. HPK Oilers 12 Bergen Yankees 17, Cuyahoga Indians 6 Canton Tigers 22, Minnesota Bandits 13 Carolina Thunder 20, White Bear Lake Bears 5 Chesapeake Rays 16, White Bear Lake Bears 4 Chicago Woodpeckers 12, Motor City Firebirds 2 Dayton Angels 8, Oakville Golden A's 7 Florida Muskrats 11, Chicago Giants 7 Florida Sharks 22, DC Pirates 7 Fort Myers Cubs 9, Cuyahoga Indians 5 Glory Days 20, Baltimore Thunder 3 Hellcats 17, DuPage Red Sox 13 Kodak Reds 21, Chicago Jacks 11 Kodak Reds 7, Ohio Brew Jays 6 Lansing Blue Jays 10, SouthEast Cardinals 3 Long Island Patriots 11, Carolina Thunder 1 Long Island Patriots 17, Chesapeake Rays 4 Maine Black Bears 13, Crystal Clinic Indians 3 Michigan Dodgers 24, Omaha Indians 0 Minneapolis Millers 16, Westchester Fury 4 Okaloosa Slammers 8, Minnesota Bandits 3 Orlando Brewers 14, Chicago North RedHawks 3 Pittsburgh 21, Chicago Knights 6 St. Louis A' 16, Fort Myers Cubs 1



RIMA Foxes catcher Jerry Diluzio puts the tag on Americans runner Mark Fontaine. But the ball fell to the ground and Fontaine's run scored

photo by Greg Wagner

St. Louis A's 16, Bergen Yankees 1
St. Louis Patriots 8, Canton Tigers 7
Tampa Bay Hurricanes 13, New Jersey Twins 12
Tampa Bay Hurricanes 9, Wolfdogs 9, tie
(Game to be completed on Wednesday)
Tennessee Dirtbags 16, Nova Scotia Monarchs 10
Tidewater Drillers 23, Huntsville Havoc 9
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 19, Cleveland Steve's Sports 8
USVI Hurricanes 20, Albany Whiz 10
USVI Hurricanes 26, Chicago Pilots 2
Wolfdogs 16, RIMA Foxes 5











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### LEGENDS SUNDAY STANDINGS

## **Legends Division**

#### **Standings Thru Sunday's Games**

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
St. Louis A's	2	0	1.000	2
Long Island Patriots	2	0	1.000	5
Americans Baseball Club	2	0	1.000	6
US Virgin Islands Hurricanes	2	0	1.000	12
Kodak Reds	2	0	1.000	17
Baltimore Krushers	1	0	1.000	0
Michigan Dodgers	1	0	1.000	0
Chicago Woodpeckers	1	0	1.000	2
Glory Days	1	0	1.000	3
Lansing Blue Jays	1	0	1.000	3
Maine Black Bears	1	0	1.000	3
Okaloosa Slammers	1	0	1.000	3
Orlando Brewers	1	0	1.000	3
Minneapolis Millers	1	0	1.000	4
Pittsburgh 53's	1	0	1.000	6
Dayton Angels	1	0	1.000	7
Florida Muskrats	1	0	1.000	7
Florida Sharks	1	0	1.000	7
St. Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	7
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	1	0	1.000	8
Tidewater Drillers	1	0	1.000	9
Tennessee Dirtbags	1	0	1.000	10
Banana Sharks	1	0	1.000	12
Hellcats	1	0	1.000	13
Wolfdogs **	1.5	0.5	.750	14
Tampa Bay Hurricanes **	1.5	0.5	.750	21
Carolina Thunder	1	1	.500	16
Canton Tigers	1	1	.500	21

Fort Myers Cubs	1	1	.500	21		
Bergen Yankees	1	1	.500	22		
Chesapeake Rays	1	1	.500	27		
Chicago Giants	0	1	.000	7		
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	1	.000	8		
SouthEast Cardinals	0	1	.000	10		
HPK Oilers	0	1	.000	11		
Motor City Firebirds	0	1	.000	12		
Crystal Clinic Indians	0	1	.000	12		
New Jersey Twins	0	1	.000	12		
Chicago North Redhawks	0	1	.000	13		
Jersey Bananas	0	1	.000	13		
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	.000	14		
Westchester Fury	0	1	.000	16		
DuPage Red Sox	0	1	.000	16		
Cleveland Steve's Sports	0	1	.000	16		
Albany Whiz	0	1	.000	17		
Baltimore Thunder	0	1	.000	19		
Chicago Knights	0	1	.000	20		
DC Pirates	0	1	.000	20		
Omaha Indians	0	1	.000	21		
Chicago Jacks	0	1	.000	21		
Chicago Pilots	0	1	.000	22		
Huntsville Havoc	0	1	.000	23		
Cuyahoga Indians	0	1	.000	24		
Minnesota Bandits	0	1	.000	26		
White Bear Lake Bears	0	2	.000	26		
RIMA Foxes	0	2	.000	27		
Ohio Brew Jays	0	2	.000	30		
Oakville Golden A's	0	2	.000	34		
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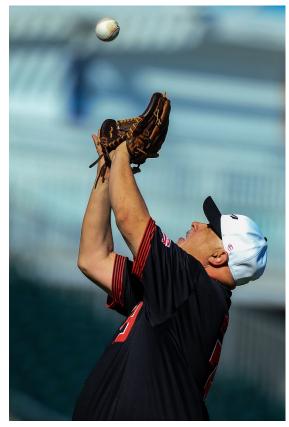
### LEGENDS MONDAY SCHEDULE

#### **10 AM**

Wolfdogs @ Bellacino's Red Sox, JB-S Maine Black Bears @ Tennessee Dirtbags, JB3 Lansing Blue Jays @ Florida Sharks, JB4 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Glory Days, JB5 Florida Muskrats @ Cleveland Steve's Sports, JB6 Chicago North RedHawks @ Banana Sharks, LH-S Cuyahoga Indians @ Long Island Patriots, LH2 Baltimore Krushers @ Minneapolis Millers, LH3 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ SouthEast Cardinals, LH4 DC Pirates @ Chicago Giants, LH6 RIMA Foxes @ Tampa Bay Hurricanes, PDC1 Chicago Woodpeckers @ Pittsburgh, PDC2 Omaha Indians @ Oakville Golden A's, PDC3 Michigan Dodgers @ Dayton Angels, PDC4 Motor City Firebird @ Chicago Knights, PDC5 Chesapeake Rays @ Bergen Yankees, TP-S New Jersey Twins @ Albany Whiz, TP2 Jersey Bananas @ Westchester Fury, TP3

#### 1:45 PM

St. Louis Patriots @ Hellcats, JB-S Kodak Reds @ Okaloosa Slammers, JB1 Americans Baseball @ USVI Hurricanes, JB2 Cleveland Steve's Sports @ Lansing Blue Jays, JB3 Huntsville Havoc @ Crystal Clinic Indians, JB4 Florida Sharks @ Florida Muskrats, JB5 DuPage Red Sox @ Canton Tigers, JB6 Fort Myers Cubs @ Carolina Thunder, LH-S Banana Sharks @ Baltimore Krushers, LH2 Chicago Giants @ Twin Peaks Lumberjacks, LH3 SouthEast Cardinals @ DC Pirates, LH4 Minneapolis Millers @ Chicago North RedHawks, LH6 Oakville Golden A's @ Motor City Firebirds, PDC1 Baltimore Thunder @ Tidewater Drillers, PDC2 Pittsburgh @ Michigan Dodgers, PDC3 Chicago Knights @ Omaha Indians, PDC4 Dayton Angels @ Chicago Woodpeckers, PDC5



Westchester Fury starting pitcher Scott Pearlman catches a Minneapolis Millers infield pop fly

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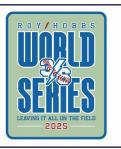
Chicago Pilots @ New Jersey Twins, TP-S HPK Oilers @ Jersey Bananas, TP2 Chicago Jacks @ Minnesota Bandits, TP3 Westchester Fury @ Orlando Brewers, TP4

#### 5:30 PM

DuPage Red Sox @ Ohio Brew Jays, JB-S White Bear Lake Bears @ St. Louis A's, LH-S Orlando Brewers @ HPK Oilers, TP-S



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### NOTEBOOK

### Score Reporting System Updated

The system – Mighty Forms – we were using in the past went belly up 10 days ago after a massive internet meltdown.

So here's how we are getting scores: There is a QR code posted in every dugout. Scan the code with your phone after every game and complete the score submission form, which includes places for your Player of the Game and your umpire evaluations.

- Click on <u>royhobbs.com</u>. Some phones will show the royhobbs with a white outline. Then, you will see Game Schedule at the top of the page.
- 2. In the box that says search teams enter your team name.
- 3. Tournament is Roy Hobbs World Series beyond the 3 dots, it says 2025.
- 4. There is a Division dropdown. This week Legends 53+.
- 5. Then you see today's date.
- Then your game(s) show up, and you click on Report Score.
- You enter scores. When your opponent enters the score and they match then the score is confirmed.
- 8. Then, as an option, you can enter player of the game (first and last names) and, if you wish, rate umpires.
- 9. Submit, and thank you.

### **Results corrections**

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Tom at the Tournament Headquarters with corrections to scores: tg@royhobbs.com.

That's the best way to make sure that playoff seedings and pairings are as accurate as we can make them.

### 50/50 raffle

50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation, are available each day at the Player Development Complex.



photo by Greg Wagner

Minnesota Bandits baserunner Jeff Swanson was safe at 2nd despite the effort of Canton Tigers shortstop

Todd Bollinger

Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex at 5 PM Friday.

The Roy Hobbs Foundation was established to raise monies for research on finding a cure for Leukemia and to assist our Challenged Athlete friends.

Revenues from past RHWS have led to greater than \$15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.

The ticket number will be posted on our website. You do not have to collect in person, just proof of the ticket.

### No alcohol at sites

Roy Hobbs Baseball prohibits alcohol at all playing sites ... dugouts, inside fences and in the parking lots. Violators are subject to dismissal from the World Series, period.

### **Parking**

Please abide by parking guidelines, avoid no parking signs, fire lanes and curbs, and handicap spaces without a permit. Lee County Rangers are patrolling sites and will issue tickets to violators. They are not cheap.

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### NOTEBOOK



Minnesota Bandits catcher Jeff Fahey vs. the Canton Tigers

photo by Greg Wagner

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### Water, Water Water

The heat in SW Florida can be debilitating, and overheating issues will sneak up on players. Get water every inning in the dugout!

### Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during pool play, if they are in the dugout starting Sunday. If they check-in after Monday's games, they must pitch 5 innings (15 outs or 25 hitters).

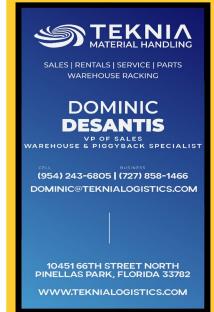
AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, AAAA teams may bring in 2 position players after Tuesday's games, but they must play the entire first game of the playoffs with no shared lineup options.

Finally, in the playoffs, those "non-qualified" middle-inning pitchers will come to the mound from their normal defensive positions where they started the game. That is as important as the "spirit of the rule" that these *non-qualified* pitchers who are used as "inning-eaters" are players who ordinarily are playing other positions.

And, please remember that any players leaving the RHWS today (Monday) to return on Thursday MUST turn in their see NOTEBOOK on page 8







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player ID Card and re-register upon their return. They must return before the quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.

#### Run-rule games

Run rule is 10 runs at 7 complete innings or if home team is ahead in a scheduled 9-inning game. Scheduled 7-inning games are 15 at 5 innings.

NOTE, in the 70s & 75s divisions, if the score difference is 15 at 5 innings, umpires have been instructed to call both managers together and to offer the team on the short end of the score if they want 6 outs to bat.

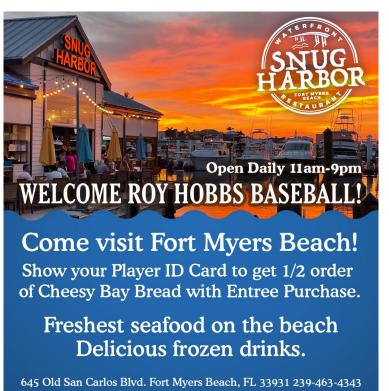
As far as RH is concerned the team ahead has won, but any runs scored will count in RA, so that is an incentive to not just put anyone out there to pitch.

Both teams must agree if the game is not continued.

If you believe a game has been ended prematurely, don't leave and ask for a field manager; he will get in touch with headquarters for adjudication.

#### Please help with dugouts

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in the dugouts.

When your games are over and you are leaving the dugout, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.

#### First Aid

**Two key First Aid items:** Drink plenty of fluids while playing; don't just wait until the game is over. Water will be available at the fields.

Second, be sure to stretch and loosen up before playing, or even re-entering a game.

In case of an emergency, contact the field manager at your site. He has the First Aid supplies and will contact 911 services as needed.

Ice is available for injuries ... check with the field manager on duty or go to the nearest concession stand to have the appropriate personnel paged. Roy Hobbs requests that managers plan for pitchers needing ice for their arms and to supply it.

### **Players of the Game**

### Sunday's games

Baltimore Krushers 15, Jersey Bananas 0:

Bananas - Mike Miller 1x3, 2B, 1 K

Carolina Thunder 20, White Bear Lake Bears 5:

**Bears -** Robert Sikorski 3 H; Steve Wiegel and Sammy Flowers contributed; Keith Williams CG

Dayton Angels 8, Oakville Golden A's 7: **Angels** 

- Sean McCabe 3x4, 2B, 2 RBI, delivered goahead hit

Florida Muskrats 11, Chicago Giants 7: **Muskrats** 

- Sam Pascka 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI

Kodak Reds 7, Akron Ortho Brewers 6: **Reds** - Bob Ladimir 3x4, HR, 2 RBI

Long Island Patriots 11, Carolina Thunder 1:

Patriots - Carl Thelemann 3x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI

Saint Louis A's 16, Bergen Yankees 1: **Bergen -** Eric Sachs 1-for-3, RBI

USVI Hurricanes 20, Albany Whiz 10: Hurricanes

- Mario Manzanillo 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 1 BB

Wolfdogs 16, Rima Foxes 5: **Wolfdogs -** Steve DePaul 3x4, HR, 3 RBI

Wolfdogs 9, Tampa Bay Hurricanes 9: **Wolfdogs** - Matt Dunbar 3x5, 2 RBI, 2B

**Note:** Managers submit first and last names of their Player of the Game on the score App after each game.